IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

CASTALDI et al Art Unit: 1626

Application No.: 10/019,316 Examiner: SAEED, Kamal A.

Filed: January 9, 2002 Attorney Dkt. No.: 108907-00024

For: A PROCESS FOR OBTAINING (NITROXYMETHYL)PHENYL ESTERS OF

SALICYLIC ACID DERIVATIVES

STATEMENT VERIFYING SMALL ENTITY STATUS

Mail Stop Missing Parts Commissioner for Patents Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 June 19, 2003

Sir:

The above-identified application claims small entity status.

In the event any fees are required, please charge our Deposit Account No. 01-2300, referring to client-matter number 108907-00024.

Respectfully submitted,

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REQUEST FOR REFUND

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Date: June 19, 2003

Sir:

The undersigned respectfully requests a refund of Four Hundred Forty-Five Dollars (\$445.00) from the Large entity filing fee paid on January 9, 2002. The applicant herein is entitled to Small Entity Status under 37 CFR 1.9(f) and 1.27(b) and, therefore, it is believed that a refund in the amount of one half of the filing fee is proper.

It is respectfully requested that the refund be credited to the undersigned's Deposit Account No. 01-2300, referring to client-matter number 108907-00024. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed herewith.

Respectfully submitted,

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